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	RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-G-11 (IMPORTANT)	
CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: ORTHOSES, PROSTEHESES AND OTHER AIDS TO IMPAIRMENT	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07		

PURPOSE:

Medical and dental prosthesis are provided when the health of the inmate indicates the need for the prosthetic device.

POLICY:

1. Prostheses, orthosis such as artificial limbs, eyeglasses, dental plates and required braces are available to the inmate by a physician or dentist's order when health would be adversely affected without the prosthesis/orthosis. The provider will work with custody to assure the device is not a security risk.
2. A medical prosthesis is not be replaced unless defective or currently inadequate to fulfill its purpose.
3. Medical prostheses are not prescribed for the primary purpose of cosmetics.
4. Prostheses are obtained following review and approval by the physician.
5. When a prosthesis/orthosis is received, the inmate signs a receipt for medical product assuming responsibility for care of the item.
6. The receipt for medical product is retained in the Medical Record.

References:

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